



BOROUGH OF FOLKESTONE.

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year 1944

on the

Health and Sanitary Condition

of the

Borough and Port of Folkestone

by

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Medical Officer of Health,

with which is incorporated the Report

of the

Chief Sanitary Inspector.



Summary of Health Report, 1944.

Borough	...	...	Borough of Folkestone.
Area (inclusive of area covered by water)	...	...	4,099 acres.
Rateable Value	...	...	£493,211.
Sum represented by ld. rate.	...	...	£1080.
Population (1944) Registrar General	...	...	19,450.
Density of population	...	...	4 Persons to an acre.

<u>Total Births:</u>	Live Births.	...	366 (Legitimate 328. (Illegitimate 38.
	Still Births.	...	9 (Legitimate 7 (Illegitimate 2

<u>Total Deaths:</u>	...	331 (Males 175. Females 158).
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<u>Birth Rate:</u>	...	18·8 per 1,000 of population.
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<u>Death Rate:</u>	...	17·01 per 1,000 of population.
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Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 15

Infant Mortality Rate:

Legitimate 42·6 per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births.
 Illegitimate 26·3 per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births.

Total 40·9 per 1,000 Births.

Deaths from:-

Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	Nil.
Cancer Death Rate.	...	2·6 per 1,000 of population.
Phthisis Death Rate.	...	0·7 " " " "
Deaths from Measles	...	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough.	...	2
Deaths from Puerperal Causes	...	3

R E P O R T.

Borough of Folkestone.

Office of the Medical Officer of Health,
Folkestone, Kent.

30th June, 1945.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors
of the Borough of Folkestone.

Mr. Mayor, and Gentlemen,

I have to submit the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1944. In conformity with the instructions this report has been condensed; but the essential statistics and information are given.

Infectious diseases again were reasonably low during the year. The attendances at the Clinics have been good, and the same number of sessions were held as in pre-war days. The Infant Mortality figure is still low and the Birth Rate has increased from 17.5 in 1943 to 18.8 in 1944, while the Death Rate has decreased from 18.5 to 17.0.

Early in the year Dr. Priestman, my predecessor, through indisposition was compelled to resign. The services of Mr. J. W. D. Buttery, the obstetric surgeon at the Royal Victoria Hospital, and Dr. Margaret Haywood, had already been secured and they carried on the Ante Natal and Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics respectively without a break.

The health of the Borough in general is still very good.

I would like to be allowed to thank my colleagues in the Medical Profession for their co-operation and for the willing assistance they gave during a difficult year, and during enemy shelling and bombing.

I am, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

J. C. Ritchie

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Medical Officer of Health, and School Medical Officer.) Port Medical Officer.	)))	T. C. RITCHIE, M.D., (part time).
Medical Officer, Ante Natal Clinics.	))	J. W. D. BUTTERY, F.R.C.S. (part time).
Medical Officer, Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.	)))	Margaret HAYWOOD, M.D. (part time).
Chief Sanitary Inspector (Borough and Port).	))	H. W. GILL, F.R.San.I., Certificates Royal Sanitary
Assistant Inspector under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations.	)))	Institute as "Inspector of Meat and other Foods." Advanced Certificate Royal
Inspector under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act.	))	Sanitary Institute.

Sanitary Inspectors.

H. Summerfield, A.R.San.I. (on War Service).	)	Certificate Royal
L. F. Pattman, A.R.San.I.	)	Sanitary Institute
	)	as "Inspector of
	)	Meat and other Foods."

Health Visitors and Maternity and Child
Welfare Nurses.

Miss D. E. Collier, S.R.N., S.C.M. :	Senior Health Visitor.
" E. M. Rodgers, S.R.N., S.C.M. :	Health Visitor.

Matron P. Hart: (Part-time): Assisting with Immunization, etc.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	4,099
Population: Registrar General	...	...	19,450
No. of inhabited houses (including flats, etc.)	...	...	8,500 (Approx).
Rateable Value	...	...	£493,211.
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	£1,080.

Vital Statistics.

<u>Live Births:</u>	Birth Rate per 1,000 of Population:	18'80
<u>Still Births:</u>	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births.	24'00
	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of Population.	0'46
<u>Deaths:</u>	<u>Total. Male. Female.</u>	<u>Death Rate per 1,000 of Population:-</u>
	331 173 158	17'01

Infant Mortality Rate.
Deaths of Infants under one year of age.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	14	9	5
Illegitimate.	1	1	-
Totals.	15	10	5

The infant mortality is at the rate of 40 per 1,000 births. This figure is below that for the whole country, which is 46.

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of Age.

All Infants	per 1,000 Live Births	...	40
Legitimate Infants	per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births		42
Illegitimate Infants	per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births		26

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	52
" " Measles	...	Nil
" " Whooping Cough	...	2
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)		Nil

Deaths from Notifiable Diseases during the year 1944.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>(At all ages).</u>
Diphtheria	...
Puerperal Causes	...
Pneumonia	...
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...
Whooping Cough	...
Total	...

Special Causes of Sickness and Excessive Mortality in the
Area:- ... Nil.

Infant Deaths, 1944 - (Under one Year).

Whooping Cough	...	1	War Operations	...	1
Pneumonia, all forms...		2	Injury at Birth	...	2
Premature Births	...	2	Congenital Malformation..		2
Convulsions	...	1	Atrophy, Debility and		
Tuberculous Meningitis.		1	Marasmus	...	1
			Other Causes	...	2

Total: 15

(a) General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Laboratory Facilities.

These examinations are carried out by arrangement with the Kent County Laboratory at Maidstone.

During the year the following specimens have been submitted for bacteriological examination:-

<u>Sent by Medical Practitioners.</u>	<u>Result.</u>	
	<u>Positive.</u>	<u>Negative.</u>
Swabs for Diphtheria.	2	2
Swabs for Meningococci	-	1
Swabs for Haemolytic Streptococci	1	Negative
Sputum for Tuberculosis	15	results
Pus for Tuberculosis	2	are not
Cerebro-spinal fluid for Tuberculosis	1	sent.
<u>Sent by Medical Officer of Health.</u>		
Swabs for Diphtheria	3	177
Swabs for Haemolytic Streptococci and Diphtheria	7	186
Swabs for Haemolytic Streptococci	5	10

(b) Ambulance Facilities.

1. For Infectious Diseases. A motor ambulance of modern type is in use. Two stretcher cases can be carried besides the driver, attendant and nurse.

2. For Non-Infectious and Accident Cases, and Maternity Cases. A motor ambulance is available for the above mentioned class of cases.

(c) Nursing in the Home.

There has been no necessity for this service other than District Nursing.

(d) Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic is held at Folkestone on two mornings in the week - Wednesday and Friday - and at Cheriton on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Ante Natal Clinics are held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at Cheriton and Folkestone respectively.

The following shows the number of visits during the year:-

Ante-natal visits	...	143
Primary visits (new born)	...	334
Secondary visits (under 1 year)	...	1034
Other visits (1 to 5 years)	...	2294
Visits re Infant deaths and still-births.		20
" " Tuberculosis	...	27
" " Erysipelas	...	4
" " Measles	...	5
" " Whooping Cough	...	29
" " Discharging Eyes	...	17
" " Chickenpox	...	3
" " Foster Mothers	...	43
" " Nurse Children	...	51
" " Adoption of Children	...	3
" " Miscellaneous	...	1
" " Pneumonia	...	14
		4022

Attendances at the Maternity Centre during the year 1944.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Infants.</u>	<u>Mothers.</u> <u>Ante-Natal.</u>	<u>Nursing.</u>
Individual Cases.	2933	2482	352	99
Gross attendances.	6793	5211	1470	112
<u>Examined by Doctor.</u>				
Individual Cases.	1602	1151	352	99
Gross attendances.	3147	1565	1470	112

Ante-natal Clinic.

In spite of the front-line situation of the Borough and the many difficulties of the times, the two weekly Ante-natal Clinics - Folkestone and Cheriton - have been carried on.

Attendances have again increased (71 more cases than last year) and the Clinics are much appreciated. Full advantage has been taken by mothers of the Emergency Maternity Homes.

Mr. J. W. D. Buttery, the Obstetric Surgeon at the Royal Victoria Hospital now has charge of both the Ante natal Clinics.

Evacuation of Expectant Mothers.

Under the Government Evacuation Scheme whereby expectant mothers can be sent to Emergency Maternity Homes in the safer areas, in 1944 the number of patients who took advantage of this fine scheme was 115 compared with 94 last year.

Midwifery and Maternity Services.

The supervision of the Midwives still remains under the jurisdiction of the Kent County Council.

Isolation of Infectious Disease Cases.

The following cases were admitted to the Ashford or Sittingbourne Isolation Hospitals during the year 1944.

Scarlet Fever:	24	Diphtheria: (carrier):	3
Diphtheria:	13	Vincent's Angina:	1
" (suspect):	3	Cerebro-spinal Fever:	2

Total: 46.

Health Visiting.

This work was carried out by the Health Visitors, who have an intimate knowledge of the home conditions of all who attend the Centre, which links up the work of the Centre with that of the Public Health Services and the School Medical Department.

Infant Life Protection — Children Acts.

At the end of the year there were six persons receiving children for reward; the number of foster children being seven.

Arrangements for Dental, Orthopaedic, etc., Cases.

The Local Authority has an arrangement with dental surgeons in the Borough whereby cases requiring treatment are referred to them by the Medical Officer. Where the income is below a certain scale the necessary treatment is carried out free of charge to the patient. During the year I had no cases to recommend.

Cases requiring orthopaedic treatment are referred to the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Registration of Nursing Homes.

The number of Maternity and Nursing Homes registered at the end of the year was three.

Maternal Mortality Rates.
Per 1,000 (Live and Still) Births.

	<u>Puerperal</u> <u>Infection.</u>	<u>Others.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>Folkestone.</u> (3 deaths).	2.66	5.32	7.98

Causes of Death, 1944, per Registrar General's Return.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
All causes.	173	158
1. Typhoid and Para-typhoid Fevers. ...	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever. ...	1	-
3. Scarlet Fever. ...	-	-
4. Whooping Cough. ...	1	1
5. Diphtheria. ...	1	-
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System. ...	9	6
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis. ...	-	4
8. Syphilitic Diseases. ...	1	1
9. Influenza. ...	-	1
10. Measles. ...	-	-
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis. ...	-	-
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis. ...	1	-
13. Cancer of B: Cav: & Oesop: (M). Uterus (F). ...	3	5
14. Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum. ...	3	3
15. Cancer of Breast. ...	-	7
16. Cancer of All Other Sites. ...	21	10
17. Diabetes. ...	1	2
18. Intra-cran: Vasc: Lesions. ...	18	26
19. Heart Disease. ...	43	32
20. Other diseases of circulatory system. ...	3	3
21. Bronchitis. ...	8	9
22. Pneumonia. ...	4	6
23. Other respiratory diseases. ...	2	1
24. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum. ...	7	-
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years of age. ...	-	-
26. Appendicitis. ...	-	-

		<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
27.	Other digestive diseases.	4	1
28.	Nephritis.	3	1
29.	Puerperal and post: abort: sepsis.	-	1
30.	Other maternal causes.	-	2
31.	Premature birth.	3	-
32.	Con: mal: birth inj: infant: dis:	3	2
33.	Suicide.	2	-
34.	Road traffic accidents.	2	-
35.	Other violent causes.	15	16
36.	All other causes.	14	18

Small Pox, Poliomyelitis, Polioencephalitis.	-	-
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Deaths of infants)	Total.	10	5
under one year)	Legitimate.	9	5
)	Illegitimate.	1	-

Live Births.)	Total.	183	183
)	Legitimate.	169	159
)	Illegitimate.	14	24

Still Births.)	Total.	7	2
)	Legitimate.	6	2
)	Illegitimate.	1	-

Population: 19,450.

Registrar General's Returns — 1944.

Birth Rates, Civilian Death Rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality, and Case Rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1944. Provisional figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns.

	England and Wales.	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, in- cluding London.	148 Smaller Towns.	London Adminis- trative County.	FOLKESTONE
<u>Birth Rate</u> per 1,000 Civilian Population					
Births:					
Live:	17.6	20.3	20.9	15.0	18.80
Still:	0.50	0.64	0.61	0.42	0.46
<u>Annual Death Rate</u> per 1,000 Civilian Population					
All Causes.	11.6	13.7	12.4	15.7	17.0
Typhoid and Para- Typhoid Fevers.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Small-pox.	—	—	—	—	—
Measles.	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Scarlet Fever.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough.	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.10
Diphtheria.	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.05
Influenza.	0.12	0.10	0.11	0.08	0.05
<u>Annual Death Rate</u> per 1,000 live Births					
Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years).	4.8	7.3	4.4	10.1	0.00
Total Deaths under one year.	46	52	44	61	40

Comparative Table.

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The following gives comparative statistics of some of the more important items for the past 6 years.

	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
<u>Infectious Diseases:</u>						
Diphtheria.	77	37	5	19	35	13
Scarlet Fever.	58	26	7	12	16	24
Measles.	11	140	5	13	234	18
<u>Births:</u>						
No. of Births.	598	539	290	271	325	366
Birth Rate per 1,000 population.	13	12	15	14	17	18
<u>Deaths:</u>						
No. of Deaths.	593	578	296	324	343	331
Death Rate per 1,000 population.	13	16	16	17	18	17
<u>Infant Deaths:</u>						
No. of Deaths.	19	24	9	17	9	15
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 births.	31	47	36	62	27	40
<u>Maternal Deaths:</u>						
No. of Maternal Deaths.	2	Nil	Nil	2	1	3
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 births.	3	Nil	Nil	7	2	7
<u>Illegitimate Births:</u>						
No. of Illegitimate Births.	41	28	32	36	31	38
No. of Illegitimate Deaths - (under 1 year of age).	Nil	1	2	7	1	1
<u>Tuberculosis:</u>						
No. of Deaths.	21	21	23	19	21	19
<u>Cancer:</u>						
No. of Deaths.	94	73	51	49	50	52
<u>Deaths from Diarrhoea</u> <u>under two years of age:</u>	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil
<u>Attendances at Clinics:</u>						
Individual ante-natal cases.	256	189	208	244	281	352
" Nursing Mothers.	31	30	71	106	111	99
" Infants.	1429	868	537	727	759	2482

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

(i) Water.

The Borough water supply is under constant observation and everything that can be done to ensure continued safety of supply is being carried out. Bacteriological analyses have been satisfactory throughout the year, some 45 samples being taken by the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. H. W. Gill.

The results of the 35 samples taken of water from the Upper and Lower Honeywood Springs were equally good.

The arrangements for the alternative or emergency supplies were satisfactory.

Bombed or Shelled Areas - Water Analyses.

Again during this year samples of water were taken from various parts of the town from certain bombed and shelled areas for analysis to ascertain whether any pollution of the supply had taken place as the result of damage to sewers. Nothing of any moment could be traced.

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY SANITARY INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Complaints.

No. of complaints received and dealt with	...	145
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Inspections:

Houses and premises inspected (for detection of nuisances, housing defects, provision of refuse bins, etc.)	...	244
Houses and premises inspected in consequence of notification received under Sec.41 Public Health Act, 1936.	...	14
Houses and premises re-inspected.	...	203
Visits to drainage and other works in progress...		62
" " dairies, cowsheds, and milkshops	...	84
" " bakehouses	...	5
" " factories; and homeworkers' premises...		2
" " common lodging houses	...	1
" " stables.	...	-
" " markets	...	147
" " Knacker's yard..	...	15
" " in connexion with cases of infectious diseases		19
" " foodshops and stores.	...	360
Drains tested with water..	...	6
" " " smoke..	...	3

(continued).

Visits to Places of Entertainment.	...	5
" " Air Raid Shelters.	...	29
" " Schools.	...	3
" " Slaughterhouses...	...	73
" " Port	...	65
Miscellaneous visits	...	456

Service of Notices.

Number of informal notices requiring abatement of nuisances, remedying of housing defects, provision of sanitary and other arrangements in shops, etc.	81
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Defects Remedied.

Drains (provided, remedied, etc.)	...	56
Soilpipes (provided, etc.)	...	1
Ventilating Shafts (provided, etc.)	...	3
Water Closets (provided, etc.)	...	46
Sinks (repaired)	...	1
Water Supply (remedied, etc.)	...	4
Wastepipes, etc. (provided, etc.)	...	-
Dampness (remedied, etc.)	...	14
General repairs (various)	...	102
Miscellaneous	...	25
Dust Receptacles: Galvanized iron refuse bins provided		4

Bakohouse:

Premises cleansed, reconditioned	...	5
Troughs repaired	...	2

Disinfection of Premises, etc.

No. of rooms disinfected after cases of infectious Diseases, etc.	...	100
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Other Disinfection:

No. of articles of clothing, bedding, etc., removed to and disinfected in the Thresh Steam Disinfector.	2128
No. of Library books disinfected.	100

Food Condemned.

Borough.

411 tins milk (various).	4 tins jam (2 lbs each).
281 " soup.	1 " jam (7 lbs)
141 " fish (various).	1 " snack (1 lb).
66 " meat (")	7 " marmalade (2 lbs each).
60 " beans(" 8 ozs.each).	3 " chopped ham (6 lbs each).
16 " peas.	3 " pork luncheon meat (6 lbs each).
16 " Yorkshire pudding.	2 " syrup.

<u>Food Condemned. (cont.)</u>	<u>Borough.</u>
3 tins fruit (various)	12 lbs cocoa milk powder.
61 packets crisps.	29 lbs batter flour.
4 " Yorkshire pudding powder.	30 lbs liquid egg.
13 " egg powder.	51½ lbs cheese.
22 " pudding mixture.	40 lbs biscuits.
16410 lbs oranges.	12 lbs boiled sweets.
2617 lbs frozen pork trimmings.	95 lbs oatmeal.
157 lbs hindquarter beef.	24½ lbs sugar.
24 lbs silverside beef.	1102 lbs fillets fish.
49½ lbs sausage meat.	832 lbs potatoes.
304 lbs cooked ham.	600 lbs doughnut flour.
43 lbs beef.	1 lb rice.
7 lbs pork.	161 lbs mackerel.
42 lbs sausages.	7 lbs prunes.
2 lbs meat.	72 lbs dates.
126 lbs pork trimmed shoulders.	1 lb shredded suet.
171 lbs shoulder beef (clod) (imported)	44 lbs figs.
72 lbs tripe (imported)	9 lbs cocoa.
1½ lbs lard.	30 lbs rice.
35 lbs margarine.	7 lbs rolled oats.
23 lbs butter.	24 lbs pastry flour.
60 lbs meat substitute.	134 Watford biscuits.
45 lbs bacon	78 Chocolate bars.
11 jars fish paste (various).	3 bottles sauce.
4 " pickle.	36 sausage rolls (9 lbs).
1 " potted meat.	31 meat pies (14½ lbs).
1 " tomato chutney.	180 " " (4½ ozs. each)
352 lbs apples.	5 bottles red cabbage -
3½ lbs galantine.	2 ozs. each.
<u>Total: 11 tons 0 cwts. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. 4 ozs.</u>	

<u>Food Condemned.</u>	<u>Enemy Action.</u>
4 lbs Margarine.	6 lbs locks.
70 lbs sweets.	3 bags self-raising flour (3 lbs each)
163 lbs cabbage.	2 bags flour (3 lbs each).
109 lbs fruit cakes.	7 lbs blue peas.
84 lbs cream powder.	2 lbs white beans.
530 lbs bread.	1 soup square.
6 bottles cough cure.	12½ lbs pearl barley.
4 lbs lard.	2 jars marmalade (1 lb each).
31 lbs brussel sprouts.	1 lb split peas.
1 bottle piccalilli (1 lb).	148½ lbs sugar.
56 lbs potato flour.	23 packets dried egg.
817 lbs flour.	11 packets pancake mixture (4 ozs. each)
2 chicken	14 " Yorkshire pudding powder
14 lbs parsnips.	(8 ozs. each)
17 lbs turnips.	19 " " " (1 ozs. each)

Food Condemned. (cont.)

Enemy Action.

4	packets biscuit mixture (8 ozs. each).	36	packets bicarbonate soda
3	" semolina. (16 ozs. each).		(2 ozs. each).
3	" pudding powder (1 oz. each).	1	" coffee (8 ozs. each)
1	" " " (4 ozs. each).	22	" Chocolate laxative drops
1	" " " (12 ozs. each).	11	" creamo oats (10ozs. each)
4	" " " (5 ozs. each).	8	" creamed barley
14	" " " (6 ozs. each).		(10 ozs. each)
116	" " " (8 ozs. each).	1	" barley kernols.
4	" " " (10 ozs. each).	5	" puffed wheat.
4	" sponge " " (16 ozs. each).	1	" breakfast oats (16 ozs.
4	" " " " (4 ozs. each)	2	" flaked oats (32 ozs.
1	" " " " (2 ozs.)		each).
4	" baking powder ($\frac{1}{2}$ oz. each).	17	" shredded wheat (16 ozs.
6	" " " (4 ozs. each).		each).
18	" cake flour (16 ozs. each).	33	" wheat flakes (8 ozs.
2	" " " (8 ozs. each).		each).
2	" egg powder (4 ozs. each).	3	" "All Bran."
12	" " " (1 oz. each)	21	" "Lenex"
1	" selfraising powder (4 ozs.)	14	" batter flour (16 ozs.
1	" stomach powder (2 ozs. each).	20	" stuffing. each).
14	" stuffing (mixed) (5 ozs. each).	20	" " (sage and
27	" herbs (mixed) (1 czs each)		onion) (2 ozs. each).

Total: 2 tons 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs. 11 ozs.

Samples of Food and Drugs submitted to the Public Analyst.

Formal.	...	New Milk	43	Miscellaneous Foods	14.
Informal	...	"	0	"	15

In addition nine informal samples of new milk were tested at the Borough Sanitary Office. Total: 81

Samples of Milk submitted to the County Laboratory from the Borough for Bacteriological Examination.

Accredited.	11	For Tuberculosis.	Nil.
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Rats and Mice Destruction Act.

No. of Complaints received and dealt with	...	336
No. of Visits made by Inspectors.	...	9800
Approximate number of poisoned baits laid.	...	30,699
Total number of rats known to have been destroyed		
(bodies found)	1,197	
Mice destroyed (bodies found)	154	

Herbert William Gill, F.R.San.I.,
Chief Sanitary Inspector,
Borough of Folkestone.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) Milk Supply.

The five farms in the Borough, and premises licensed under the Milk Orders were regularly inspected.

Samples of milk, supplied both from within and outside the Borough were taken periodically for analysis.

(b) Meat and Other Foods.

The information under this heading is given on pp.15 and 16.

(c) Adulteration: Legal Proceedings.

One case against a retailer for (a) Selling milk containing added water, and (b) 2 cases against retailers for selling milk deficient in fat and containing added water, were taken.

Results: (a) Fine of £5, with £4. 14. 0. costs were imposed.

(b) Cases dismissed.

43 Samples of milk, and 14 of food were taken.

(d) Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

The chemical analyses are carried out by Messrs. Hawkins and Roberts, of Canterbury, and the bacteriological analyses by the County Laboratory, Maidstone.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Diseases.

The methods for the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases, fully described in past annual reports, have been carried on continuously and successfully.

Again the notifications of infectious diseases were not high.

Vaccination.

The percentage of successful vaccinations for 1944 was 50.00%.

Diphtheria Immunization.

During the year much propaganda work was done to attract and persuade the parents and every encouragement has been given, together with advice, to have their children immunized. At the

end of the year the figures were as follows:-

Percentages	Under 5 years of age.	Over 5 years of age.
Immunized:	62.5%	68.4%

Great efforts will be made during the New Year further to improve these figures.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis).

	<u>Total Cases</u>		<u>Cases ad- mitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
	<u>Notified.</u>	<u>Civil. Military.</u>		
Scarlet Fever.	24	2	26	-
Diphtheria.	13	3	16	1
Erysipelas.	12	1	1	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever.	2	-	2	1
Dysentery.	1	-	1	-
Pneumonia.	33	4	21	10
Whooping Cough.	33	-	-	2
Measles.	18	8	-	-

Ophthalmia Neonatorum: No. of Cases: 1

TUBERCULOSIS.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations), 1925.

Public Health Act, 1936, Section 172.

No action under the above two sections was taken during the year.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY.

<u>Age Periods.</u>	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pul.</u>		<u>Non-Pul.</u>		<u>Pul.</u>		<u>Non-Pul.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
5	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
15	3	6	1	1	3	2	-	-
25	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
35	5	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
45	1	1	-	-	3	1	-	-
55	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
65 (and up- wards).	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals ...	15	8	4	4	9	6	-	4

Venereal Diseases.

The arrangements for the control and treatment of the above diseases remain under the surveillance of the County Authority. As far as this Borough is concerned there would appear to be no undue prevalence of these cases to warrant the provision of a local Clinic.

Co-operation with the Military Authorities.

In-coming units usually send their Medical Officer to see me with the object of collaboration. Such subjects as infectious illness, sanitation, and food-stuffs have been discussed from time to time.

Care of Premature Infants.

Every effort is being made to keep a close watch upon prematurely born infants, and whenever possible special nursing at the Royal Victoria Hospital is given. By arrangement with the hospital we are informed of the date of discharge from hospital so that there may be a continuation of supervision by the Health Visitors.

The birth notification forms now have a space provided for the weight of the babies to be inserted, in order that we shall know the premature births as early as possible.

Illegitimate Children.

Thirty-eight illegitimate children were born during the year 1944, and there was only one death. Every encouragement is given to mothers to attend the clinics for advice and care of both the child and the mother, and special visits are made to the homes. A few cases where the moral welfare worker recommends it were accommodated at a home for unmarried mothers, where the baby can be born and afterwards remain under the guidance of the Superintendent of the home for a time. This Borough contributes a guinea a week to the home in such cases.

Uncleanliness - Verminous Persons.

The instances of dirt-tolerance and verminous persons are few. The need for cleanliness is always stressed at our six clinics and in the School Medical Department. Instructions and advice regarding the use of the steel comb and of Lethane Oil for the destruction of head lice are given. A stock of steel combs is held in the School Medical Department.

In difficult cases the services of the N.S.P.C.C.'s Inspector are utilized.

N. S. P. C. C.

As in previous years I have received much willing and valuable assistance from Inspector F. E. Freegard of the above Society. His tactful manner, coupled with his personal knowledge of the cases, is a great help.

Inquiries under the Children Acts and cases which come to the knowledge of the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre are at once investigated and reported upon by him.

Port Health Authority - Annual
Report for the year 1944.

In compliance with the instructions contained in the Ministry of Health Circular 52/45, I have to report that since the 30th September, 1940, any vessel entering the Port of Folkestone required the Naval authority's permission.

This state of affairs continued until November, 1944.

After this date there were occasional arrivals from Calais and Ostend with members of the British Liberation Army on leave, also salvage vessels, coastwise.

The fishing fleet, registered from the port, operated the whole year.
